

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**October 3, 2019**

PSO Council is a meeting for sharing information and learning about our schools and our district. We encourage you to engage in responsible conversation and healthy discussion on issues to promote better education for children. Personal agendas are not welcome at Council. We will gladly direct you to the appropriate resource to help you after the meeting. Please respect each person’s time on the agenda.

PSO Council Co-Presidents Khara Mack and Emily Woods called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Petra Laszlo** | Present. |
| **2nd Vice President- Christy Crouch** | Present.  Yuletide Hunger Drive coming up in November. More information to follow. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Lauren Champ** | Present.  Constant Contact has now been updated. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Dawn Papadatos** | Present.  BBH Council PSO Treasurer Report – 10/03/19   1. Total balances in accounts: (per QB)      1. Quickbooks Update - Changes    1. Renewed contract for 1 additional year    2. Maintained current price of $20 per account per month + Tax only for 6 months    3. After the 6 months, it will go to the Essentials Package which is $40 per month per account + Tax– we need this package as the basic package only allows for 1 user per account. |
| **Co-Presidents-**  **Khara Mack**  **Emily Woods** | Present.   * + **MEMBERSHIP:** Reminder about PSO membership. Please consider joining if you haven’t done so already. Membership fees are an investment in the partnership of families, teachers, staff, and community members who work together to enhance the growth opportunities for our students.   + **MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT** - PSO is hosting a Meet the School Board Candidates Night on Oct 17th at 7:00pm at the Middle School Auditorium.  All Candidates have agreed to attend. Denise Gawlik and Kerry Ely will discuss in more detail during their MS President’s report. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present.  The Board is going to be presented with a Bond Refinance package at their next meeting due to the fact that long-term bonds currently have a low interest rate versus long term bonds. This could save the school district $7 million dollars if we refinance.  A solution to the tennis courts has been reached. The district will repair the existing tennis courts to the base to keep them where they are on school property. They’ve agreed to allocate $250,000 to this project. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present.  There is an upcoming meeting to finalize the design plans of the new elementary school. Then the Board will be get the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) for the building.  Superintendent Magyar reminded the PSOs that any fundraising they do that involve receiving checks should be made payable to either the PSO unit or to the school district. They should not be made out to individuals – this will keep everyone safe from any problems that could arise from receiving or depositing personal checks into private accounts.  As follow-up to a conversation with the PSO Presidents regarding volunteer guidelines, Superintendent Magyar confirmed that the District utilizes volunteer policy 4120.09. All volunteers in the district are expected to adhere to this policy.    Reminder that there is a Safety Drill for first responders at the high school on October 11th. They have over 200 student volunteers. They would like to have more teachers participate but some have child care issues so the district will look at possibly offering student volunteers to babysit at the Middle School so more teachers can participate.  Superintendent Magyar is going to reach out to the broader community through coffee talks and talks at the senior center to explain the school report card.  Superintendent Magyar will offer coffee talks in a smaller setting at people’s homes once a month if people want to arrange for a group of people at their home at time that works for her calendar. Some prefer smaller settings so she will work to do that more. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **John Scott** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Business Services –**  **Chris Coad** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.  Ready Classroom Training happening in grades K-5 with regard to the math series adoption.  Dr. Martin went over the highlights of the State Report Card released on September 13, 2019 with regard to BBH.   * We are 7th overall in the state as measured by the performance index, which is up from 14th last year. * Our performance index went up over one full point to 108.1 (up from 106.9 last year).   There are 6 components of the Report Card and we received the following grades for each:   1. Achievement - A 2. Progress - A 3. Gap Closing - B 4. Graduation Rate - A 5. Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers - C 6. Prepared for Success - B |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Not present. No report. |
| **Transportation-Heidi Means** | Present.  Mrs. Means gave an update on the GPS program. It will be a couple more months of testing it before it is fully up and running to make sure it works correctly.  Place of Safety is a policy Transportation uses for the kids entering and exiting the bus so bus drivers can see the students.  Mrs. Means will be speaking at the Hilton PSO Meeting. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Tobacco strategies for 2019-2020:  Collaborative with Metro Health:  A Digital Tobacco Contest  Tobacco Town Hall -October 21st  Huddle kickoff at Middle School –October 4th  Presentation by: Javier Sanchez  District wide Red Ribbon Activities.  Cleveland Playhouse Performance –.Every Brilliant Thing.  Senior Wellness Day –Hands on activity: We will need help making favors for participants attending the Senior Wellness Day.  Rx Take back Day –October 26th |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | **Focus on Bee Your Best**  We are introducing the district’s Culture Playbook to our students throughout the school year.  In the month of October, we are focusing on the “Bee Your Best...Always Improving” strand. Teachers will be sharing Bee Your Best in their classrooms, there will be some announcements at the end of the month, and students exhibiting “Bee Your Best” behaviors will be recognized throughout the month.  **College Now Partnership**  BBHHS is partnering with College Now to better support our families as they prepare for our students’ post secondary education plans.  This will include informational nights and opportunities for one on one family counseling regarding financial aid and award letter interpretation.  Their programming will also support providing our students more access to available scholarships. College Now’s first presentation will be next Monday’s Financial Aid Information night for families.  **Gallery of Achievement Tomorrow**  We are celebrating the six individuals being inducted into the BBHHS Hall of Fame, known as the Gallery of Achievement.  They will be recognized at an assembly with Juniors and Freshmen in attendance and then introduced at the football game that evening.  **College Testing and Visit Day, October 16th**  On Wednesday October 16th our 9th -11th grade students will be engaged in PSAT testing and our seniors will have an opportunity to visit college or career shadowing during the day.  Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will be taking the PSAT (PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and PSAT/NMSQT). They will be dismissed at approximately 11:30 when they are finished testing. Students that need to ride the bus or would like to stay and study can stay at the high school in the cafeteria.  PSAT practice can be found on the College Board’s website and the practice test results can generate a free personalized online learning pathway to strengthen the academic skills related to improving test scores and classroom performance through Khan Academy. .  **Upcoming Events**  October 4 - Gallery of Achievement Induction 8:30 am  October 4 - Senior Panoramic Picture - 7:35 a.m. gymnasium  October 7 - Financial Aid Information Night  October 11 - NEOEA DAY - No School (Active Shooter Drill)  October 16 - PSAT Testing Day (Grades 9-11) - early dismissal after testing  November 7 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  December 18 -20 - First Semester Final Exams |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present.  The After Prom Committee will be partnering with restaurants around the district each month to help fund-raise for the After Prom with the hope that they can raise enough money to make after-prom free for the students. Tonight is Honey Hut. Bring the flyer between 5p – 7p and Honey Hut with donate 20% of their sales.  On November 19th Creekside is offering 20% of their sales to After Prom (including gratuity and tax on bills. All day from 11a – 9p.  There is a BEES Volleyball/Football Partnership for Cancer Awareness – Dig Pink Spiritwear. They are raising money for cancer awareness through the sale of the shirts. All profits will go to Side-Out Foundation. Orders due Monday, October 7th by 3pm. Pick up is Wed., October 16th in the HS Cafeteria from 2:35p – 7:00pm.  Fall play 1st week of November. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings**  **Brian Bedford,**  **Asst. Principal** | Our Fall athletic teams are wrapping up their seasons and starting postseason play within the next couple of weeks.  All our our kids and teams have done a tremendous job this fall.  We have Javier Sanchez coming in to speak to our students and staff this Friday, October 4th.  He will meet with parents at 7:45am in the morning and then talk with our kids in the morning as well. He is a fantastic speaker and connects well with our students and staff, definitely a must see.  We are still taking donations for our Bee Buck Store for giveaways for our students for rewards.  The Middle School received straight ‘A’s” this year on the State Report Card that came out a couple of weeks ago.  Working on our Culture Play Book. This month is Bee your Best.  Rich Evans (former teacher) will be on the Wheel of Fortune next Wed., October 9th. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | **Scholastic Book Fair** - was held the week of Sept 16th and thanks to the efforts of our chair, Sara Albrecht, gross sales were almost $6,000 which results in a cash profit of $1,500 for our MS budget.  This is an increase over last year's fall sale of approximately $4,400.  This year's book fair also included the 5th grade classes.  **Bee Happy Pantry** - MS student Gabriella Caputo and HS student Isabella Caputo are spearheading a project to collect items for our students that are in need of non perishable foods and/or toiletries.  Donations are accepted in the Guidance office and distributed discretely by the Counselors.  A list of items that may be donated can be found on the MS PSO webpage.  **Upcoming:**  **6th Grade Social -** November 1st, theme is "Roll Back Time to the 80s"  **Javier Sanchez Coffee Talk -** Oct 4th at 7:45am - Parents are invited to attend a Coffee Talk with Javier Sanchez, an accomplished speaker with Youth to Youth International. In addition to the morning session that is designed for parents only, he will also be bringing his message to our students during a school assembly.   He promotes being intentional about experiencing life to the fullest in a healthy, safe and positive way.   The parent Coffee Talk will take place in the MS Media Center.  **Next PSO meeting** - Thursday, Oct. 10th at 9:30am.  **Meet the School Board Candidates Night - Oct 17th @ 7pm, MS Auditorium**  Please join us to learn more about the candidates running for the BBHCSD school board.  This event will be a structured Q&A session with predetermined questions solicited from the entire BBH community.  Time permitting, questions will be taken from the audience as well.  All 4 candidates have agreed to participate and the event is open to all residents of the BBH school district.  **BBH Night @ Kalahari Water Park - Oct 24th**  If you missed out on booking a room for Kalahari Night they will continue to honor the group rate as long as there are rooms available.  To book your room please call, 1.877.525.2427 and ask for the BBH rate. You can also book online, Booking Website: [https://book.passkey.com/e/](https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbook.passkey.com%2Fe%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C66a689d595214a9ce7df08d7467ff384%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637055387669116448&sdata=6ZmK5EHAzVDw2p1tHsX2expkVfoftwpy0ys0uauHa9o%3D&reserved=0) 49986346 . The rate is $129.00 plus all applicable taxes.  **Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Performance -  Nov 11th @ 7pm, HS Auditorium**  The Youth Orchestra is an audition based orchestra consisting of talented musicians from across Northeast Ohio including our very own BBH Senior Erica Nie on violin.  The Youth Orchestra typically performs at Severance Hall, but twice a year they perform in the community.  The Middle School PSO is honored and fortunate to be working with the Brecksville Kiwanis Foundation to host one of these special performances.  Tickets are $12.00 for adults and $8.00 for students.  Tickets can be purchased online via the PSO Middle School website:  [bbhmiddleschoolpso.com](https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbbhmiddleschoolpso.com&data=02%7C01%7C%7C66a689d595214a9ce7df08d7467ff384%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637055387669126459&sdata=IdF4KeMHLIWADbkGkUgWuNx0ZO22wIERtFZnuwlJKhs%3D&reserved=0).  All proceeds from this event will benefit the Middle School Auditorium Renovation project. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Combined elementary schools’ report given by Principal Hartland:  “Bee Your Best”…we recognized those students who have “Been Their Best” for the month of September this week. “Bee Your Best” students received certificates to take home and their names have been posted on our “Bee Your Best” bulletin board. Students also received a popsicle on Monday as a thank you for their efforts in making good choices through each school day.  Our first Cultural Arts program, brought to us by the PSO, will be this week. We will have two performances of “Magic and Anti Bullying” for our students on October 3.  Our Grades 1-3 Open House and Book Fair is coming up on Thursday, October 10. Students will have the chance to preview the books prior to Open House evening. All students and families are invited to attend the Book Fair that evening. The students are getting excited to show all that they have done in their learning since the beginning of the year! We hope to see everyone there. Just a reminder…the K and Grade 4 Open House…along with a mini-Book Fair will be held in the spring!  The fall administration of the AIR English Language Arts assessment will be given to all third grade students on the mornings of Tuesday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 23. Results from the assessment will be used to guide instruction and to support students with identified areas of weaknesses.  In Service work is coming up for the Chippewa staff on Friday, October 25. The K-4 staff members will spend the half day continuing their work on the Culture Playbook and the Portrait of a Graduate. We are excited to create a vision for the K-4 schools regarding…Bee Your Best…Bee One Community…and Bee the Future. The teachers will spend the remainder of the day working on the first quarter report cards. A quick reminder…that kindergarten students will not receive report cards for the first quarter of the year.  Conferences will be coming up in October and November. Teachers will be inviting parents in to talk about their children’s progress in the classroom. Teachers are available through the year to conference with parents. We always communicate to parents that if they wish to conference about their child’s progress…contact the teacher and a mutually agreed upon time will be scheduled for a conference.  Halloween Parties are scheduled for October 31. The children will have the opportunity to show off their costumes during the Halloween Parade that afternoon. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Save the date:  Special evening edition of our monthly meeting on October 7th at 6:30 including Dr. Martin as a speaker.  - Our Book Fair is on Thursday October 10th during 1st - 3rd grade open house.  - Our No Fuss Fundraiser will officially kick off on October 7th. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Combined elementary schools’ report given by Principal Hartland:  As part of our PBIS efforts, students at every grade level are recognized for “Being their Best”. When students are actively engaged, challenge themselves, or owning their choices, students are given a “bee buck.'' These behaviors are consistent with the PBIS framework of being responsible, respectful, and ready to learn. The bee bucks are then turned in for opportunities for recognition, treats, prizes, etc.  Oct 10 is also Hilton’s Fun N Stuff fundraiser. Only a handful of tickets remain so get on the Hilton PSO website and buy them up fast. See you on the go-cart track!  The fall administration of the AIR English Language Arts assessment will be given to all third grade students on the mornings of Tuesday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 23. Results from the assessment will be used to guide instruction and to support students with identified areas of weaknesses.  In Service work is coming up for all elementary staff on Friday, October 25. The K-4 staff members will spend the half day continuing their work on the Culture Playbook and the Portrait of a Graduate. We are excited to create a vision for the K-4 schools regarding…Bee Your Best…Bee One Community…and Bee the Future. The teachers will spend the remainder of the day working on the first quarter report cards. A quick reminder…that kindergarten students will not receive report cards for the first quarter of the year |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Mary Green** | We finished up September with our first Science DZ of the year about Space.  It went very well!  Thank you to Carl Hari  Spirit Week is October 7th - 10th, and it will culminate with our fundraiser at Fun N Stuff the night of the 10th.  Fun N Stuff is already sold out and it will be a fun night for everyone!  Also coming up in October is our Trunk or Treat on October 24th and the Halloween parties and parade on October 31st. |
| **Highland**  **Principal**  **Colleen Toth** | Combined elementary schools’ report given by Principal Hartland:  Highland Drive is beginning to rollout PAX building wide. Students are setting visions for their classrooms and school. |
| **Highland PSO**  **Shannon Latek**  **Sarah Schulz**  **Sawsan Ganczak** | No report. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Janelle Henning / Petra Laszlo** | Petra Laszlo gave report.  Foundations: save the date for Sip and Support (2/13/20, New Orleans Party Center). We’re starting to solicit auction packages- if anyone has leads we could use them. Marla will be running the auction this year and her email is [tinkereonk42@gmail.com](mailto:tinkereonk42@gmail.com). |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michelle Banks** | The Band Boosters are looking for a graphic designer to take over the design of the Athletic Programs for next year from Mrs. Traum. The Athletic Programs netted the boosters $11,502.00 this year so it is an important fundraising tool for us. If you know of anyone, please contact Kathy Drinko at beesbanddrinko@gmail.com  Program sales are going well. Only have about 70 left.  The raincoats that were up-cycled into water proof stadium blankets are almost sold out. Only a couple left.  Please take a flyer on the back table for the annual band Citrus Sale. The sale kicks off next Tuesday (October 8th). Prices are the same as last year except for small boxes have gone up $1.00. The cut off for orders is November 5th and the pickup date will be December 7th. This year we are taking on-line orders only for this sale.  8th grade band night will be on October 18th. The 8th grade band will perform with our high school marching band on the field that evening.  Sounds of the Stadium will be at 7:00pm on Wed., October 30th in the high school gym.  Next band boosters meeting will be November 5th. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. Megan Sarfi gave report.  10/9 Orchestra concert:  POPtober: Superheros Unite! In the high school auditorium at 7pm. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Bevan** | Not present. Megan Sarfi gave report.  October 17th – Concert of Choirs. |
| **Athletic Boosters –**  **Karen Bazan** | Not present. Recording Secretary, Michelle Banks read the report.  For those of you who are not familiar with the Bees Athletic Boosters (BAB), we support the interscholastic athletic programs for both the middle school and high school. We purchase varsity letters and plaques, senior banners, thousands of dollars of athletic equipment for the teams, as well as, offer scholarships to graduating senior athletes. We raise money primarily through our membership fees and our annual golf outing. We also offer the opportunity for our athletic teams to earn money through the operation of the concession stand. For more info please visit our website www.beesboosters.org or attend one of our monthly meetings which are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm.  A few of our updates include:  1) Our golf outing which was held Friday August 23rd was a huge success. He had over 100 golfers this year and they had a great time.  2) The BBHHS Athletic Department is currently holding a car raffle for a 2019 Chevy Trax courtesy of Ganley Chevrolet and the Chevy Network. The tickets are $20 and are available from our high school students, in the high school main office, the athletic department and at many home athletic events including the football games.  3) An allocation request for $2,000 to go towards a new volleyball net system in the high school was approved. We are very excited that we can help out the girls and boys volleyball teams and supply some much needed equipment.  4) BAB received the ok to start the Athlete of the Week program which will be displayed on the BAB website and at the high school. Coaches will nominate an athlete(s) according to a weekly schedule.  5) Our next meeting will be Monday, October 7th at 7:00 in the high school media center classroom. |
| **New Business** | None. |